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ABSTRACT

The Missouri Library Association (MLA) began in 1900 when the first meeting was held at the University of Missouri, Columbia, to discuss free public libraries, traveling libraries, and school libraries. With the state purpose of promoting library interest in the state, the MLA pushed legislation which led to the establishment of a state library commission and the Missouri state library. Other accomplishments were: passage of the 1921 county library law; codification of state library laws; increased state aid to public libraries; and creation of a voluntary librarian certification program. Various MLA divisions, committees, and round tables also have had positive influence on the library situation in the state. MLA has had an active publishing program since 1936 and has cooperated with other agencies on surveys, recruiting, education programs, and many other projects. In addition to its state activities, MLA has participated in meetings and conferences with national and other associations and has played an active part in efforts to influence federal library legislation. A bibliography and annual membership statistics are included, as are lists of charter members, officers, conferences, and joint meetings. (LS)

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MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

On December 18, 1900, sixteen individuals, librarians of Missouri libraries and trustees of public libraries in the state, met in Academic Hall on the campus of the University of Missouri at Columbia to form the Missouri Library Association. The call for this meeting was signed by F. M. Crunden, St. Louis Public Library; Carrie Westlake Whitney, Kansas City Public Library; C. E. Yeater, Sedalia Public Library; Purd B. Wright, St. Joseph Public Library; and James T. Gerould, University Library, Columbia.

The subjects discussed by these Missouri library pioneers included free public libraries, traveling libraries, and school libraries. The constitution adopted at this meeting stated the objective of the Association was "to promote the library interest of the state of Missouri." As a prime step toward fulfilling that objective a special committee of three was selected to prepare and submit to the General Assembly in Jefferson City a bill to establish a state library commission. Although this initial effort was unsuccessful, the Association persisted and in 1907 legislation was passed establishing a State Library Commission with the resulting establishment of the Missouri State Library. Thus began an intimate association between MLA and the State Library, which has existed down to the present day. Only with the active cooperation of the State Library has MLA been able to achieve many of its goals.

This initial interest in legislation has continued to the present time with varying degrees of effort and success. The early legislative programs were usually year to year efforts. Annual changes in the

officers of the Association tended to discourage long range projects requiring work and planning for a number of years. The successful passage of the County Library Law in 1921 was an exception to short term endeavors as it was the result of several years of intense effort. From the thirties to the sixties there was an increasing interest in the procurement of library legislation directed mainly toward codification of state library laws and increased state aid to public libraries. During this time a major portion of the finances of MLA was committed to this end. More recently the legislative efforts of the Association have been on a more modest basis.

MLA legislative activity has extended beyond the state level. When a copyright bill was introduced in the 59th Congress 1st Session in 1906, the Association reacted negatively to the sections of the bill that would curtail existing importation of educational material and urged Missouri's senators and representatives to oppose this legislation. In 1938 the Association endorsed passage of the Harrison Thomas Fletcher Bill for federal aid to education which included rural libraries. More recently MLA has joined the national library community in actively supporting federal legislation affecting libraries through the ALA Washington Office, the federal legislative network, and legislative recognition activities at ALA meetings.

The establishment of legal certification of librarians is a legislative area where the Association was unable to achieve success. Voluntary certification was first discussed in 1921, but not until 1932 was a committee established to draw up a voluntary certification plan to be administered by MLA. The Certification Board of MLA was established in 1934. Legal certification was first considered by the Association in 1937,

with legislation to establish a certification basis proposed almost every year thereafter, but with no success. In 1955 certification was temporarily dropped from the MLA legislative program to assure the passage of more "important" legislation. In 1957 legal certification failed in the General Assembly by only five votes. The Association continued its voluntary certification of Missouri Librarians until 1969 when because of the growing number of librarians in the state with graduate degrees, certification was abandoned and the Certification Board was discontinued.

As is true of voluntary member organizations, their strength is determined by the quantity and quality of the effort of individual members. The strength of MLA is best seen in its committees. Over the years, the committee structure of MLA has been solid but flexible. As the Policy Finding Committee discovered in 1941, several functions have existed in MLA since its inception albeit under different sobriquets, i.e. legislation, statewide planning, association organization, auditing, and development being the most notable. Other committees have come into being, accomplished their purpose, and dispersed.

The same is true of the balance of the organizational structure of MLA. Through the years the structure has reflected a constantly changing organism as MLA responded to the needs and desires of its members. At the present the Association has four Divisions and four Roundtables in addition to its committee structure:

Divisions

Missouri Association of College & Research Libraries
Missouri Association of School Librarians
Public Libraries
Trustees & Citizens

Standing Committees

Awards
Constitution & Bylaws
Convention
Grievance
Legislative
Library Education & Manpower
Library Development
Nominating

Roundtables

Children's Services
Junior Members
Outreach
Social Responsibilities

Special Committees

Adult Education
Young Adult Services
Conference Site
Government Documents
Public Relations Council

Satellites

Epsilon Beta
(School library assistants)
Graduate Library Student
Organization UMC

To further illustrate the responsiveness of the Association to its members, the Young Adult Services Committee is in the process of moving from Special Committee to Roundtable status, while at this writing it looks as if the Social Responsibilities Roundtable has fulfilled its mission and will disband.

The present Divisions had their genesis in 1932 when at the MLA meeting held at the ALA Chicago Conference a committee was formed to promote citizen involvement in Missouri libraries. As a result, the Citizens Council for Missouri Libraries, a group independent organizationally from MLA was formed in 1935. The 1936 MLA meeting at Poplar Bluff, with the theme "Libraries for all Missouri Citizens," discussed a citizens library movement. Citizens, as well as trustees, responded to the invitation to be involved so that ten years later in 1946 the Citizens Council for Missouri Libraries was combined with the Trustees Section of MLA into a new and first Division of MLA with a similar purpose as the parent organization. This new and first Division of MLA was called the Citizens and Trustees Division. The Division has furnished outstanding leadership to MLA since its inception. In addition to other activities, the Trustees and Citizens Division has developed over the years a series

of annual conferences throughout the state to acquaint citizens with library services.

Triggered by the establishment of the Trustees and Citizens as the first Division, MLA moved to revise its structure to permit other interest groups to achieve Divisional status. In 1948 the Executive Board indicated that groups wishing to achieve Divisional status should petition accordingly As a result of the response to this invitation, the Executive Board at an April meeting in 1949 appointed a committee to revise the Bylaws to permit establishment of Divisions, at the same time suggesting that the chairmen of these new Divisions, like the Trustees and Citizens Division, should be members of the Executive Board. These recommended changes in the Bylaws were adopted by the membership at the annual meeting in Joplin on October 21, 1949. Apparently this move to change the organizational structure was not without its problems, as a note with the 1949 annual reports indicated that "because of the indefinite status of some groups within the Missouri Library Association, it has not been possible to obtain full reports of some meetings."

With the change in the Bylaws, the County Libraries Division, which was organized on October 20, 1949, at its second meeting held the next day petitioned for Divisional membership as the County and Regional Libraries Division. Likewise a Municipal Libraries Division came into being, leading in early 1955 to a suggestion by the MLA president that these two groups with so similar interests should consider merging. When an agreement had been reached between the two Divisions, the Executive Board in October 1955 approved the merger. The action was then approved by the membership to take effect at the end of the meeting in Cape Girardeau in 1956. Thus was created the present Public Libraries Division. The Division has been one of the most

active in MLA with its interests centering on recruitment, training, and legislation.

The present Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries was likewise established after the forementioned Bylaws change, originally with the name College and University Libraries Division. The group voted early in its existence to affiliate with the Association of College and Research Libraries and became known as the Missouri Chapter of ACRL, as well as the College and University Libraries Division of MLA. In November of 1961 the Executive Board approved a name change. This was accepted by the Constitution Committee and the new name Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries was approved by the membership of MLA on October 12, 1962. MACRL has probably had more fluctuation in its vitality than other Divisions of the Association but has been responsible for a number of surveys, mainly concerning resources, the most recent being the survey by Robert Downs in 1966.

It is important to mention the relation of MLA and the public schools. Public school libraries received the attention of MLA members as early as the 1903 conference when the topic "What the library should be to the schools" was discussed. At about the same time a committee was appointed to discuss common problems with the Missouri Teachers Association. In 1926 a regional Northwest Missouri Teachers Association meeting at Maryville and the annual meeting of MLA was the occasion for a joint program, while at the Excelsior Springs MLA Conference in 1935, school librarians attended as a group for the first time. The importance of a Library Supervisor in the Missouri State Department of Education was first stressed by MLA in 1946. However, it wasn't until 1966 that this goal was first achieved. The Missouri Association of School Librarians was established as an independent

group in 1948. In 1951 it affiliated with both the Missouri Library Association and the Missouri State Teachers Association. This dual affiliation has continued to make the full participation of school librarians in both associations difficult.

The Missouri Library Association Quarterly was published from March 1940 to December 1969. It came into being as a replacement for the Junior Member Quarterly which was established in 1936 and the News Letter of the State Library Commission. The MLA Quarterly had its ups and downs during its thirty year existence, usually coinciding with the many changes in editorship. In the early and middle years its pages generally contained news of the Association, announcements and minutes of meetings, annual reports, and usually short articles about Missouri libraries by Missouri librarians. During the two-year editorship of John Gordon Burke the coverage was expanded to include material from the national literary scene and photo journalism was introduced. The Quarterly reached its apogee during this period with the winning of the H. W. Wilson Periodical Award in 1969. After the December 1969 issue the MLA Quarterly was replaced by the MLA Newsletter, as the membership changed the direction of its resource thrust. The Newsletter is a bi-monthly, offset produced publication edited in the MLA Executive Office, containing primarily announcements and items of particular interest to MLA members.

Surveys co-sponsored by MLA and the Missouri State Library have played and continue to play an important role in the development of library service to the citizens of Missouri. MLA at the annual conference in 1951 voted to establish a Library Planning Committee. The Committee was charged to work with the State Library to draw up a long range plan of library growth and development in Missouri. The resulting document "Improving Public

Library Service in Missouri" was issued in 1953 giving direction to efforts to equalize and improve public library service to the citizens of the state. "Public Library Service in Missouri, a Survey", the result of a survey by a team of nationally recognized public library authorities headed by Gretchen Schenk, appeared in 1962 indicating where public libraries in the state were at that point in time and making recommendations to strengthen their services. As a follow-up of the Schenk survey, "Missouri Library Service, a Guide to Its Improvement and Standards of Service" appeared in 1964. This document developed by Missouri librarians primarily emphasized the steps to be taken by the public libraries of the state to bring library service to all citizens. The so called Downs Report (by Robert Downs) "Resources of Missouri Libraries", although originating as the college library version of the Schenk study, actually surveyed the resources of all academic, public, and special libraries in Missouri and was a major document in indicating collection strengths within the state. Currently the Library Development Committee is continuing to work with these landmark reports, as evidenced by the fact that an addendum to the 1964 "Guide" was adopted by the membership at the meeting in St. Louis in September 1974.

These are not the only positive results of the joining of MLA and the Missouri State Library for better library service in the state. In 1968 MLA and the State Library co-sponsored the Calvin Production film Hottest Spot in Town. This film won national and international acclaim as well as the Landers Associates rating as a Meritorious Film of the Year. The two groups have worked extremely close in the matter of recruiting, with MLA assisting the State Library in the screening and selection of individuals for both the scholarship and internship programs. This cooperation achieved

the Halsey W. Wilson Recruitment Award in 1972. The present Library Education and Manpower Committee is carrying on this responsibility. Recently when it appeared that state government reorganization would mean that the State Library would be relocated in one of the proposed fourteen major departments, MLA recommended that the State Library be located in the higher education area. This recommendation was accepted and in July 1974 the Missouri State Library was placed under the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Thus the Association is still assisting with the destiny of the agency it conceived in 1907.

The Association was instrumental in the establishment of a graduate library school at the University of Missouri. In 1947 the State Library Advisory Board first approved a request for such a program. A 1958 study urged the revamping of the undergraduate library education programs in the state, while a 1960 MLA resolution urged the establishment of a graduate library school in the state. A questionnaire distributed by MLA in 1964 demonstrated the potential numbers of students for graduate library training. In 1966 the efforts of the Association were rewarded with the establishment of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Missouri Columbia campus with the school being accredited by the American Library Association in 1969.

Since its founding in 1900, MLA has had an annual conference every year except 1918 when the meeting was cancelled because of the influenza epidemic. The meeting in 1975 in Jefferson City will mark the 75th anniversary. Occasionally the annual meetings were held in conjunction with the library associations of neighboring states: Illinois Library Association in St. Louis in 1912 and 1960; Kansas Library Association in St. Joseph in 1913, Excelsior Springs in 1939, and Kansas City in 1961. In addition the 1933 meeting was

held during the ALA convention in Chicago. In 1921 the American Library Association changed its bylaws to permit regional meetings. MLA was the first to show others these meetings could be a success as the first regional meeting under this ALA provision, the Missouri Valley Conference, was held October 17-19, 1922, at St. Joseph, Missouri, with the states of Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri represented. Additional regional meetings given impetus by MLA were held at Sioux City, Iowa, in 1925, and Des Moines, Iowa, in 1932. The Association participated in the ALA regional meeting, the Trans-Mississippi Regional, held in Fort Collins, Colorado, September 1949. In addition the state has hosted ALA conventions six times: St. Louis in 1889, 1904, and 1964; and Kansas City in 1938, 1957, and 1968.

MLA has shown the way in other areas of both national and state library activity. The "Missouri List of Serials" published in 1935, a list of the holdings of some thirty libraries, was the first such statewide list. Before there was National Library Week, MLA sponsored the first statewide book week. The February 11, 1922, telegram from the Secretary of ALA stated "We congratulate Missouri upon being the first state to observe a library week." In 1968 an Executive Mansion Library was established for the use of the chief executive of the state and his family. In cooperation with the Missouri Academy of Squires this library has been augmented every year since. The Mark Twain Award has been co-sponsored with the Missouri Association of School Librarians since 1971. This annual award is given to the author of an outstanding children's book selected by students in Missouri schools from the third grade through junior high school. The award itself is an original design used exclusively for this honor.

For some years leaders of the Association believed that an Executive Secretary was a necessity if MLA was to be an effective force for library service in Missouri. The first Executive Secretary was employed part time in 1962. In 1969 an office was opened, still staffed on a part time basis. In 1971 the first full time Executive Secretary with office help was employed and the MLA office was moved to the Missouri State Teachers Association headquarters building.

The list of individuals who have served as officers and committee members of MLA is long and notable. Many past and present librarians of national renown have contributed to the success of the Missouri Library Association, as have trustees beginning with Rev. Stephen Pronko who served as the first citizen president of MLA. In addition, some trustees who served MLA gained international recognition: examples include Jacob M. Lashley noted St. Louis lawyer who served the International Court of Justice at the Hague, and Mrs. Virginia Young, contributor to professional literature and former American Library Trustees Association president who is serving as a trustee of the American Library in Paris.

The Association that began with 16 members in 1900 has grown to over 1,300 active, involved members and looks forward 75 years later to continued growth and service to the citizens of Missouri and the nation.

CHARTER MEMBERS

MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Columbia, Missouri December 18, 1900

Mr. Louis Benecke	Brunswick (Trustee)
Miss Frances A. Bishop	Kansas City
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick M. Crunden	St. Louis
Mrs. Mary Virginia Edwards	Jefferson City
Mr. & Mrs. James T. Gerould	Columbia
Mr. Horace Kephart	St. Louis
Mr. William B. Mackey	Sedalia (Trustee)
Mrs. K. Roberts	
Mrs. Lulu Senter	St. Joseph
Miss Faith E. Smith	Sedalia
Miss Gertrude Smith	Sedalia (Trustee)
Mr. Walter K. Stone	Columbia
Miss Adalaide J. Thompson	Jefferson City
Mrs. Carrie Westlake Whitney	Kansas City
Mr. Purd B. Wright	St. Joseph
Hon. Charles E. Yeater Governor of Phillipines	Sedalia (Trustee)

OFFICERS

MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 1900-1975

	1900/1901
President	Frederick M. Crunden
First Vice-Pres.	Purd B. Wright
Second Vice-Pres.	Carrie Westlake Whitney
Secretary/Treasurer	James T. Gerould
	1901/1902
President	Carrie Westlake Whitney
First Vice-Pres.	Faith E. Smith
Second Vice-Pres.	Sula Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer	James T. Gerould
	1902/1903
President	J. F. Langton
First Vice-Pres.	W. F. Webb
Second Vice-Pres.	Anna Powers
Secretary/Treasurer	Faith E. Smith
	1903/1904
President	Purd B. Wright
First Vice-Pres.	Sula Wagner
Second Vice-Pres.	L. M. McAfee
Secretary/Treasurer	Faith E. Smith
	1904/1905
President	James T. Gerould
First Vice-Pres.	Faith E. Smith
Second Vice-Pres.	L. M. McAfee
Secretary/Treasurer	Frances A. Bishop
	1905/1906
President	Sula Wagner
First Vice-Pres.	F. A. Sampson
Second Vice-Pres.	Willis H. Kerr
Secretary/Treasurer	Frances A. Bishop
	1906/1907
President	W. L. R. Gifford
First Vice-Pres.	Willis H. Kerr
Second Vice-Pres.	Elizabeth Wales
Secretary/Treasurer	Flora B. Roberts
	1907/1908
President	Elizabeth Wales
First Vice-Pres.	Henry O. Severance
Second Vice-Pres.	Bessie Lee
Secretary	Flora B. Roberts
Treasurer	Clarence E. Miller

	1908/1909
President	Henry O. Severance
First Vice-Pres.	Bessie Lee
Second Vice-Pres.	Willis H. Kerr
Secretary	Florence Whittier
Treasurer	Clarence E. Miller

	1909/1910
President	Willis H. Kerr
First Vice-Pres.	Austin D. Wolfe
Second Vice-Pres.	Frances A. Bishop
Secretary	Marguerite McDaniel
Treasurer	Clarence E. Miller

	1910/1911
President	Austin D. Wolfe
Vice-Pres.	Paul Blackwelder
Secretary	Marguerite McDaniel
Treasurer	Clarence E. Miller

	1911/1912
President	Paul Blackwelder
Vice-Pres.	Charles E. Rush
Secretary	Florence Whittier
Treasurer	Clarence E. Miller

	1912/1913
President	Charles E. Rush
First Vice-Pres.	Clarence E. Miller
Second Vice-Pres.	Nancy C. McLachlan
Secretary	Florence Whittier
Treasurer	Lula M. Wescoat

	1913/1914
President	Florence Whittier
First Vice-Pres.	Hariet P. Sawyer
Second Vice-Pres.	Eleanor Hawkins
Secretary	Jesse Cunningham
Treasurer	Alice Gladden

	1914/1915
President	Jesse Cunningham
First Vice-Pres.	Frances Fordice
Second Vice-Pres.	Nancy C. McLachlan
Secretary	Mary E. Baker
Treasurer	Alice Gladden

	1915/1916
President	Arthur E. Bostwick
First Vice-Pres.	Frances Fordice
Second Vice-Pres.	Lillian Sutherland
Secretary	Mary E. Baker
Treasurer	Eudora Martin

	1916/1917
President	Ward H. Edwards
First Vice-Pres.	Mary E. Baker
Second Vice-Pres.	Katherine Javis
Secretary	Harold L. Wheeler
Treasurer	Margery Quigley

	1917/1918
President	Mary E. Baker
First Vice-Pres.	Agnes F. P. Greer
Second Vice-Pres.	Mary L. Reichert
Secretary	Harold L. Wheeler
Treasurer	Irving R. Bundy

No MLA meeting in 1918 - Officers carried over

	1918/1919
President	Mary E. Baker
First Vice-Pres.	Agnes F. P. Greer
Second Vice-Pres.	Mary L. Reichert
Secretary	Harold L. Wheeler
Treasurer	Irving R. Bundy

	1919/1920
President	Harold L. Wheeler
First Vice-Pres.	Alice I. Hazeltine
Second Vice-Pres.	Mary L. Mitchell
Secretary	Jane Morey/Margaret Hodges
Treasurer	James A. McMillen

	1920/1921
President	Henry O. Severance
First Vice-Pres.	Alice I. Hazeltine
Second Vice-Pres.	Mary L. Mitchell
Secretary	Margaret Hodges/Jane Morey
Treasurer	James A. McMillen

	1921/1922
President	Irving R. Bundy
First Vice-Pres.	Sula Wagner
Second Vice-Pres.	Mary A. Ayres
Secretary	Jane Morey
Treasurer	Artie West

	1922/1923
President	James A. McMillen
Vice-Pres.	Margery Doud
Secretary	Jane Morey
Treasurer	Florence B. Currie

	1923/1924
President	Ward H. Edwards
Vice-Pres.	Helen D. Birch
Secretary	Jane Morey
Treasurer	Harriet M. Horine

	1924/1925
President	Charles H. Compton
Vice-Pres.	Helen D. Birch
Secretary	Florence B. Currie
Treasurer	J. L. Lindsay
	1925/1926
President	C. Edwin Wells
Vice-Pres.	Frances Swanwick
Secretary	Fay Delaney
Treasurer	J. L. Lindsay
	1926/1927
President	Helen D. Birch
Vice-Pres.	Grace Langan
Secretary	Fay Delaney
Treasurer	William H. Collins
	1927/1928
President	Jane Morey
Vice-Pres.	Grace Berger
Secretary	Gertrude G. Drury
Treasurer	William H. Collins
	1928/1929
President	William H. Collins
Vice-Pres.	Mary English
Secretary	Gertrude G. Drury
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh
	1929/1930
President	Purd B. Wright
Vice-Pres.	Harriet M. Horine
Secretary	Margaret M. McDonald
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh
	1930/1931
President	Arthur E. Bostwick
Vice-Pres.	Frances Swanwick
Secretary	Margaret M. McDonald
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh
	1931/1932
President	Sadie T. Kent
Vice-Pres.	Alice Waldron
Secretary	Grace M. Young
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh
	1932/1933
President	Jessie Stemmons
First Vice-Pres.	Grace Hill
Second Vice-Pres.	Pearl Clarkson
Secretary	Grace M. Young
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh

	1933/1934
President	Alice Waldron
First Vice-Pres.	Vera Prout
Second Vice-Pres.	Ada M. Elliott
Secretary	Helen D. Birch
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh

	1934/1935
President	Ada M. Elliott
First Vice-Pres.	Gertrude G. Drury
Second Vice-Pres.	Paul Howard
Secretary	Helen D. Birch
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh

	1935/1936
President	Gertrude G. Drury
First Vice-Pres.	Paul Howard
Second Vice-Pres.	Sarah S. Molony
Secretary	Mary English
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh

	1936/1937
President	Grace Hill
First Vice-Pres.	Irving R. Bundy
Second Vice-Pres.	Dorothea Hyle
Secretary	Mary K. English
Treasurer	Lucile Brumbaugh

	1937/1938
President	Eleanor B. Manning
First Vice-Pres.	John T. Skelton
Second Vice-Pres.	Elizabeth W. Sanderson
Secretary	Grace N. Hodger
Treasurer	Dorothea Hyle

	1938/1939
President	Benjamin E. Powell
First Vice-Pres.	Lenore R. Mezger
Second Vice-Pres.	Annadele Riley
Secretary	Marjorie Sheetz
Treasurer	Dorothea Hyle

	1939/1940
President	Lenore R. Mezger
First Vice-Pres.	Sarah S. Moloney
Second Vice-Pres.	Paul J. Burnette
Secretary	Oscar C. Orman
Treasurer	Gladys G. Powers

	1940/1941
President	Oscar C. Orman
First Vice-Pres.	Louis M. Nourse
Second Vice-Pres.	Marion A. Magee
Secretary	Elizabeth B. Platt
Treasurer	Gladys G. Powers

	1941/1942
President	Louis M. Nourse
First Vice-Pres.	Elizabeth B. Platt
Second Vice-Pres.	Harry Brinton
Secretary	Anadele Riley
Treasurer	Gladys G. Powers

	1942/1943
President	Elizabeth B. Platt
First Vice-Pres.	Willard O. Mishoff
Second Vice-Pres.	Gertrude Pope
Secretary	Ethel Murch
Treasurer	Gladys G. Powers

	1943/1944
President	Eugenia M. Becker
First Vice-Pres.	Harold L. Hamill
Second Vice-Pres.	Helen Minaker
Secretary	Ethel Murch Gwinner
Treasurer	Gladys G. Powers

	1944/1945
President	Harold L. Hamill
First Vice-Pres.	B. Lamar Johnson
Second Vice-Pres.	Helen Chase
Secretary	John T. Skelton
Treasurer	Helen E. Dean

	1945/1946
President	B. Lamar Johnson
First Vice-Pres.	Virginia R. Connell
Second Vice-Pres.	Gladys Deever
Secretary	Phyllis Dunham
Treasurer	Helen E. Dean/Ann Todd

	1946/1947
President	Virginia R. Connell
First Vice-Pres.	Joseph C. Shipman
Second Vice-Pres.	Theodore Fitzwater
Secretary	Constance Grier
Treasurer	Molete Morelock

	1947/1948
President	Joseph C. Shipman
First Vice-Pres.	Felix E. Snider
Second Vice-Pres.	Elizabeth Spindler
Secretary	Jacqueline Cravens
Treasurer	Blanche Jones

	1948/1949
President	Felix E. Snider
First Vice-Pres.	Stewart W. Smith
Second Vice-Pres.	Esther Mae Henke
Secretary	Dorothy Atkins
Treasurer	Mary E. Hinkley

	1949/1950
President	Stewart W. Smith
First Vice-Pres.	Mary Elizabeth Hinkley
Second Vice-Pres.	Elizabeth Spindler
Secretary	Alice Golden
Treasurer	Stuart Baillie
	1950/1951
President	Mary Elizabeth Hinkley
Vice-Pres.	Ralph H. Parker
Secretary	Verna Nistendirk
Treasurer	Stuart Baillie
	1951/1952
President	Ralph H. Parker
Vice-Pres.	Helen Miller
Secretary	Kathryn Devereaux
Treasurer	Mary K. English
	1952/1953
President	Helen Miller
First Vice-Pres.	Stuart Baillie
Second Vice-Pres.	Barbara Chase
Secretary	Margaret Hager
Treasurer	Dorothy Heiderstadt
	1953/1954
President	Willard Dennis
First Vice-Pres.	Richard B. Sealock
Second Vice-Pres.	Beryl Hefley
Secretary	Dorothy Proper
Treasurer	Barbara Chase
	1954/1955
President	Richard B. Sealock
Vice-Pres.	Nellie Homes
Secretary	Paxton P. Price
Treasurer	William B. Wood
	1955/1956
President	Nellie Homes
Vice-Pres.	Stephen M. Pronko
Secretary	Marguerite Norville
Treasurer	William B. Wood
	1956/1957
President	Stephen M. Pronko
Vice-Pres.	Harry Brinton
Secretary	Loretta J. Frazier
Treasurer	Irwin Sexton
	1957/1958
President	Harry Brinton
Vice-Pres.	Paxton P. Price
Secretary	Maxine McCrae/A. P. Marshall
Treasurer	Susanna Alexander

	1958/1959
President	Paxton P. Price
Vice-Pres.	James V. Jones
Secretary	A. P. Marshall
Treasurer	Susanna Alexander
	1959/1960
President	James V. Jones
Vice-Pres.	Gene Martin
Secretary	W. Helen Shelton
Treasurer	Susanna Alexander
	1960/1961
President	Gene Martin
Vice-Pres.	A. P. Marshall
Secretary	LeRoy Fox
Treasurer	Idris Smith
	1961/1962
President	A. P. Marshall
Vice-Pres.	Susanna Alexander
Secretary	Lecla Millar
Treasurer	Idris Smith
	1962/1963
President	Susanna Alexander
Vice-Pres.	Mildred Vogelsang
Secretary	James Leathers
Treasurer	Dorothy Athy
	1963/1964
President	Mildred Vogelsang
Vice-Pres.	Donell J. Gaertner
Secretary	Richard H. Schimmelpfeng
Treasurer	Doris Athy
	1964/1965
President	Donell J. Gaertner
Vice-Pres.	Andrew J. Eaton
Secretary	Margaret L. D. Shreve
Treasurer	Graham H. Sadler
	1965/1966
President	Andrew J. Eaton
Vice-Pres.	F. Charles Taylor
Secretary	Carolyn Sue Peterson
Treasurer	Graham H. Sadler/Syd Shinn
	1966/1967
President	F. Charles Taylor
Vice-Pres.	Virginia Young
Secretary	John F. Herbst, Jr.
Treasurer	Syd Shinn

	1967/1968
President	Virginia Young
Vice-Pres.	Bill Martin/John F. Herbst, Jr.
Secretary	Martha Scharff
Treasurer	Syd Shinn

	1968/1969
President	John F. Herbst, Jr.
Vice-Pres.	James Leathers
Secretary	Pam Warren
Treasurer	Judy Armstrong

	1969/1970
President	James Leathers
Vice-Pres.	Marnie Neal
Secretary	Marie Keller
Treasurer	Judy Armstrong

	1970/1971
President	Marnie Neal
Vice-Pres.	Jewel Smith
Secretary	Margaret Brewer
Treasurer	Richard Parker

	1971/1972
President	Jewel Smith
Vice-Pres.	John J. Hamilton
Secretary	Joanna Todd
Treasurer	Paul White

	1972/1973
President	John J. Hamilton
Vice-Pres.	George N. Hartje
Secretary	Barbara Winans
Treasurer	Bruce Collins

	1973/1974
President	George N. Hartje
Vice-Pres.	Pam Warren/Bruce Collins
Secretary	John Ferguson
Treasurer	Betty Nichols

	1974/1975
President	Bruce Collins
Vice-Pres.	Sharon Willis
Secretary	Meryl Attebery
Treasurer	Laura Crane

CONFERENCES

MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1900 - 1975

NUMBER	LOCATION	DATE
1	Columbia	December 18, 1900
2	Kansas City	October 24, 1901
3	Sedalia	October 23-24, 1902
4	St. Joseph	October 29-30, 1903
5	St. Louis	October 29, 1904
6	Jefferson City	October 24-26, 1905
7	Joplin	November 7-8, 1906
8	Warrensburg	October 15-16, 1907
9	Moberly	October 15-16, 1908
10	Columbia	October 28-30, 1909
11	Springfield	October 20-21, 1910
12	Hannibal	October 19-20, 1911
13	St. Louis	October 24-26, 1912
14	St. Joseph	October 22-24, 1913
15	Sedalia	November 18-20, 1914
16	Joplin	October 20-22, 1915
17	Columbia	October 11-13, 1916
18	Jefferson City	October 17-19, 1917
19	Flu-Postponed-Kansas City	October 23-25, 1918
19	Kansas City	October 22-24, 1919
20	St. Louis	October 27-29, 1920
21	Ha Ha Tonka (Camden Co.)	October 17-19, 1921
22	St. Joseph	October 17-20, 1922
23	Hannibal	October 18-20, 1923
24	Springfield	October 23-25, 1924
25	Sioux City, Iowa	October 13-16, 1925
26	Maryville	October 14-16, 1926
27	Columbia	October 20-22, 1927
28	Kansas City	November 15-17, 1928
29	Jefferson City	October 17-19, 1929
30	Sedalia	October 7-9, 1930
31	Cape Girardeau	October 29-31, 1931
32	Des Moines	October 12-15, 1932
33	Chicago	October 17, 1933
	Columbia	May 19-20, 1933
34	Excelsior Springs	October 22-24, 1934
35	St. Louis	November 6-8, 1935
36	Poplar Bluff	October 12-14, 1936
37	Sedalia	October 7-9, 1937
38	Hannibal	October 27-29, 1938
39	Excelsior Springs	October 26-28, 1939
40	Jefferson City	October 10-12, 1940
41	St. Louis	December 4-6, 1941
42	Moberly	October 1-3, 1942
43	Jefferson City	September 1-2, 1943

NUMBER	LOCATION	DATE
44	Kansas City	November 1-2, 1944
45	Columbia	October 18-19, 1945
46	Springfield	October 17-19, 1946
47	St. Louis	November 12-14, 1947
48	Jefferson City	October 21-23, 1948
49	Joplin	October 20-22, 1949
50	Kansas City	October 2-3, 1950
51	St. Louis	October 4-6, 1951
52	Columbia	October 2-4, 1952
53	Kansas City	October 1-3, 1953
54	Springfield	Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1954
55	St. Joseph	Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 1955
56	Cape Girardeau	October 4-6, 1956
57	Columbia	October 1-4, 1957
58	Jefferson City	October 1-4, 1958
59	Excelsior Springs	Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1959
60	St. Louis	October 27-29, 1960
61	Kansas City	October 26-28, 1961
62	Joplin	October 10-13, 1962
63	Jefferson City	October 10-11, 1963
64	Osage Beach	October 7-9, 1964
65	Columbia	Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 1965
66	Kansas City	November 16-18, 1966
67	St. Louis	October 4-6, 1967
68	Springfield	October 9-11, 1968
69	Jefferson City	October 1-4, 1969
70	Kansas City	September 23-25, 1970
71	St. Louis	Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 1971
72	Kansas City	October 18-20, 1972
73	Columbia	September 26-28, 1973
74	St. Louis	September 19-21, 1974
75	Jefferson City	October 22-24, 1975

JOINT MEETINGS

OTHER LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

MLA CONFERENCE NO.	ASSOCIATION	LOCATION	DATE
2	Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa Texas, Oklahoma	Kansas City, MO.	Oct. 24, 1902
13	Illinois	St. Louis, MO.	Oct. 24-26, 1912
14	Kansas	St. Joseph, MO.	Oct. 22-24, 1913
22	Nebraska, Kansas (ALA Regional)	St. Joseph, MO.	Oct. 17-20, 1922
25	Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota (ALA Regional)	Sioux City, IA.	Oct. 13-16, 1925
26	Northwest Missouri State Teachers Association	Maryville, MO.	Oct. 14-16, 1926
28	Missouri State Teachers Association	Kansas City, MO.	Nov. 15-17, 1928
32	Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska (ALA Regional	Des Moines, IA.	Oct. 12-15, 1932
33	Columbia Library Association	Columbia, MO.	May 19-20, 1933
39	Kansas	Excelsior Springs, MO.	Oct. 26-28, 1939
60	Illinois	St. Louis, MO.	Oct. 27-29, 1960

MEMBERSHIP

MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1940 - 1974

YEAR	TOTAL	INDIVIDUAL	INSTITUTIONAL	OTHER
1940	305	276	29	
1941	385	326	57	
1942	393	334	59	
1943	434	367	67	
1944	444	381	63	
1945	466	404	62	
1946	527	463	64	
1947	551	480	71	
1948	602	476	126	
1949	540	460	80	
1950	567	479	88	
1951	541	457	84	
1952	597	492	105	
1953	613	502	111	
1954	689	619	56	14
1955				
1956				
1957	785	706	79	
1958	1,014	893	105	16
1959	1,050	921	105	24
1960	1,073	974	85	14
1961	1,043	967	67	9
1962	1,294	1,173	111	10
1963	1,350	1,210	125	

YEAR	TOTAL	INDIVIDUAL	INSTITUTIONAL	OTHER
1964	1,215	1,085	134	
1965	1,035	914	121	
1966	1,150	1,061	89	
1967	1,453	1,307	146	
1968	1,491	1,369	122	
1969	1,292	1,115	100	
1970	1,218	1,037	84	97
1971	1,154	973	67	114
1972	1,134	1,068	57	9
1973	1,205	1,011	47	147
1974	1,273	1,218	55	

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